



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

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John King, Chief
Coastal Programs Division, N/ORM3
Office of Ocean & Coastal Resource Management
NOAA Ocean Service
1305 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Mr. King:

The New Hampshire Coastal Program (NHCP) respectfully submits this Routine Program Change (RPC) to NOAA's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) for approval under Section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act.

The RPC is comprised of the following three proposed actions: 1) Changes to the NHCP's federal consistency public participation procedures; 2) Changes to the NHCP's list of federal assistance activities subject to federal consistency review; and 3) Incorporation of the New Hampshire Coastal Program Guide to Federal Consistency Coastal Zone Management Act § 307 into the NHCP. Detailed descriptions and supporting documentation for each of the proposals is included in the RPC. For the reasons described herein, the NHCP finds this program change to be "routine" and not a program amendment. The NHCP hereby requests OCRM's concurrence in that determination.

Chris Williams, the NHCP's federal consistency coordinator, is the point of contact for this RPC. He coordinated early and often with OCRM staff during its development, including submitting draft versions of various sections of the RPC for review. To facilitate OCRM's review, an electronic copy of the RPC has been sent to Matt Gove of your staff.

The NHCP appreciates the opportunity to submit this RPC. Should you have any questions, please contact Chris Williams at (603) 559-0025 or at Christian.Williams@des.nh.gov.

Sincerely,

Ted Diers
Program Manager
New Hampshire Coastal Program

Enclosure:

RPC w/attachments